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***"Reflections from Iraq"***

By Congressman Allen Boyd (D-FL)

Recently, I had the opportunity to lead a bipartisan congressional delegation (CODEL) to Iraq to meet with

Flying into theatre on a C-130 with American soldiers going into combat brought back many memories from

This trip reinforced my belief that our problems in Iraq do not lie with our military; they lie with our policy

After the market place tour, the CODEL met with General David Petraeus and Ambassador to Iraq Ryan

The most troubling reports from this trip are the strain that our continuing conflict in Iraq has had on our

Our country is making a major investment in Iraq, not only in U.S. casualties and injuries, but also in tax

Additionally, this Administration has not put enough emphasis on the diplomacy and political persuasion

There are no perfect solutions in Iraq, but we can address the challenges we face if we do so together and

